

COMPARING TEXTS

Worksheet - Functional Skills English Level 1

Section A: Quick comparison practice

Text A: The new bus route will help people travel to work more easily. It will stop near the hospital, college and shopping centre.

Text B: Some people welcome the new bus route, but others are worried about extra traffic outside their homes.

1. What topic do both texts discuss?

2. Give one idea from Text A.

3. Give one idea from Text B.

4. Explain one difference between the two texts.

Section B: Read two texts and answer Level 1 questions

Text A: Local sports centre	Text B: Letter from a resident
The local sports centre has opened a new gym and swimming pool. The manager says the centre will help residents become healthier. There are classes for adults and children, and members can use the gym from 6 am until 10 pm.	I am pleased that the sports centre has reopened, but I am worried about the cost. Some families cannot afford the new membership fee. The centre is useful, but it should offer more discounts for people on low incomes.

5. Give one piece of information from Text A about the facilities.

6. Give one opinion from Text B.

7. What similar idea appears in both texts?

8. Copy one phrase from each text that supports this similar idea.

9. Explain one difference between the writer of Text A and the writer of Text B.

Section C: Exam-style comparison question

Text C: College notice	Text D: Student comment
The college library will open for longer hours during exam week. Students can study until 8 pm from Monday to Thursday. Extra staff will be available to help learners find books and use computers.	Longer library hours are a great idea because many students need a quiet place to study. However, the college should also open the cafe later, as learners may need food and drinks in the evening.

10. What information is given in Text C?

11. What opinion is given in Text D?

12. What idea do both texts share about student support?

13. Copy evidence from both texts to support your answer to question 12.

14. Write a short comparison answer explaining one similarity and one difference between Text C and Text D.
